

# Cultural Affairs Division Celebrates Black History

(DOVER, Del. – Jan. 21, 2021) – During the month of February 2021, the [Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](https://history.delaware.gov/2021/01/21/hca-african-american-history-month-2021) will be offering five virtual programs streamed live on the Web. Two of these programs will be presented in commemoration of National African American History Month, an annual observance celebrating the invaluable contributions that the Black community has made to the culture and history of the United States. All programs are free and open to the public. Go to the following for additional information and reservation instructions:

<https://history.delaware.gov/2021/01/21/hca-african-american-history-month-2021>.



On Feb. 13, 2021, Savannah Shepherd will discuss her work in helping to create a historical marker memorializing the lynching of George White.

## Live virtual programs in February 2021

**Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021**

**“The Wreck of the DeBraak.”** Virtual program from the Zwaanendael Museum explores the history of the British warship DeBraak which sank off the coast of Lewes in May of 1798 only to be recovered by treasure hunters nearly 200 years later. 3:30 p.m. 302-645-1148 or <mailto:zmuseum@delaware.gov>.

**Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021**

**“Mary Ann Shadd Cary: Delaware’s Forgotten Daughter.”**

Virtual presentation from the New Castle Court House Museum featuring Lora Englehart of Delaware Humanities discussing the life of Wilmington native Mary Ann Shadd Cary (1823-1893), a teacher, journalist, editor, feminist, lawyer, wife and mother who lived a life committed to racial and gender equality. Presented in celebration of African American History Month. 1 p.m. 302-323-4453 or <mailto:NCCHmuseum@delaware.gov>.



Mary Ann Shadd Cary

**Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021**

**“A Student’s Quest for Racial Reckoning in Delaware.”**

Virtual program from the Zwaanendael Museum in which Savannah Shepherd discusses the journey that led her to collaborate with the Equal Justice Initiative’s Community Remembrance Project that installed a marker in memoriam of the lynching of George White. Presented in celebration of African American History Month. 3:30 p.m. 302-645-1148 or <mailto:zmuseum@delaware.gov>.

**Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021**

**Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation meeting.** Virtual meeting to include review of the African Union Church of Iron Hill’s nomination to the National Register of Historic Places: 10 a.m. 302-736-7417.

**Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021**

**“Remembering Washington.”** Virtual living-history program from The Old State House in which historical interpreter Tom Welch portrays Col. Allen McLane, the Revolutionary War hero from Duck Creek (Smyrna, Del.). As part of the program, McLane will discuss his decades-long relationship with George Washington. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Old Dover. Program streamed live via Zoom or on the museum’s

[Facebook page](#). 10 a.m. 302-744-5054 or <mailto:0SHmuseum@delaware.gov>.

Administered by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the [five museums of the State of Delaware](#)—the John Dickinson Plantation, the Johnson Victrola Museum, the New Castle Court House Museum, The Old State House and the Zwaanendael Museum—tell the story of the First State's contributions to the history and culture of the United States. Through tours, exhibits, and special programs, the museums shine a spotlight on Delaware's unique history and the diverse people who came to live there. The museums are [accredited by the American Alliance of Museums](#). The New Castle Court House Museum and the John Dickinson Plantation are partner sites of the [First State National Historical Park](#). The Old State House is located on the Dover Green, another partner site of the park. Go to the following for a [long-term calendar of division-sponsored events](#).



*The Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs is an agency of the State of Delaware. The division enhances Delaware's quality of life by preserving the state's unique historical heritage, fostering community stability and economic vitality and providing educational programs and assistance to the general public on Delaware history. The division's diverse array of services includes operation of five museums, administration of the State Historic Preservation Office, conservation of the state's archaeological and historic-objects collections, operation of a conference center and management of historic properties across the state. Primary funding for division programs and services is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware General Assembly and*

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